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**MEETING OF FRIDAY MAY 16, 2014**

**TOWN AMINISTRATORS OFFICE  
3 NORTH MAIN ST, ASSONET MA 02702**

**1:30 P.M. Call to Order** Selectman Lisa Pacheco those present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck, Selectmen Lee Baumgartner. The meeting is being recorded Selectman Sadeck.

**Consent Agenda**

**Board of Selectmen:**

**Motion to (Baumgartner/Sadeck)** to Open Annual Town Warrant and Vote on an Article and Close Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Joe Penny and Attorney Mark Reich worked on this. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to accept this Article with discussion. Selectman Sadeck states the parcel states that 30 twice within the article. Selectman Pacheco is certain that Attorney Reich and Joe Penny reviewed this. Passed unanimously.

Discussion ensues from Selectman Sadeck about another other article on the warrant and Selectman Pacheco interjects and states they are unable to speak of anything else as the only thing that was posted on the Agenda was to speak about one article. Selectmen Lisa Pacheco has exited the meeting.

Selectman Sadeck directed me to call Mark Reich. We are on hold are awhile while Attorney Reich's assistant and receptionist try to find him throughout the 2 floors of their office.

Attorney Reich comes on the phone. Selectman Sadeck states that the meeting was posted and issues came up yesterday regarding the warrant articles and he wanted to speak about those issues about those articles. Selectman Sadeck said if he can't speak to them then he wants to postpone the Annual Town Meeting.

Attorney Reich states the warrant has never been approved. The warrant needs to be approved that is the main issue here.

Selectman Sadeck would like to get back to the issue about the Agenda. Attorney Reich says that the Agenda needs to be circulated prior to the meeting. Will the vote hold to postpone the warrant, Selectman Sadeck asks.

Selectman Sadeck says the two (2) issues that came up regarding the Council on Aging and the Animal Control Office articles and also Jackie's Longevity issue. But rather Selectman Pacheco said we were violating the open meeting law. Attorney Reich says the Chair makes the decision to

consider these issues. Selectman Sadeck asks why can't you change the chair. Attorney Reich says you can't change the Chairmanship because it just came up it needs to be on the Agenda. Selectman Sadeck says that if you didn't have the ability to know issues before the meeting then you can allow it during the meeting. Attorney Reich says that is the discretion of the Chair and this would have to go on a later meeting. He further states the Chair has a lot of authority.

Attorney Reich says the Board of Selectman has not had the opportunity to review the warrant and the meeting needs to be posted this is the issue here. He would be glad to discuss further issues individually outside of a meeting.

Selectman Baumgartner says he can't remember ever having a meeting to approve the warrant.

Attorney Reich says this is an unfortunate event he asks what do you want to accomplish today. Selectman Baumgartner wants to postpone the meeting.

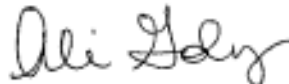
Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to postpone the Annual Town Meeting by 2 weeks.

Attorney Reich would recommend that the Board schedule a meeting to review and ratify all the articles for the meetings.

Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to consider and review and act upon the warrant article for the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants. Wednesday at 6pm at Council on Aging. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn (Sadeck/Baumgartner) at 2:15pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant